

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/986,688

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Van Pelt for the telephone interview so courteously granted to the undersigned attorney on May 19 and 20, 2004.

The above claim amendments are those which Examiner Van Pelt agreed would place the application in condition for allowance with claims 1, 2 and 5-12.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEWS

The above claim amendments represent the substance of the telephone interviews conducted with Examiner Van Pelt on May 19 and 20, 2004.

If the Examiner, for any reason, feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance with claims 1, 2 and 5-12, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

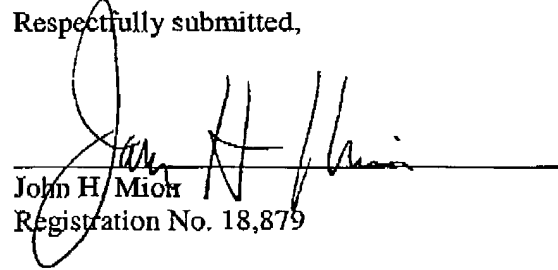
Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark
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